

In support of HB 5277

My name is Rachel Bogartz, and I live in Unionville. I have had cerebral palsy all my life, and I use a manual wheelchair. When I go for an annual check-up, I either get examined in my wheelchair or I transfer to a chair but **not to the examining table**. Most examining tables that I have seen have a small step that can be pulled out, but it is rarely more than 4 inches wide. I find it difficult to balance on the step and even more difficult to pivot around so that I can sit on the table. Also, the scale in my doctor's office has a step-up to it, and it is rickety with nothing to hold onto if I lose my balance. So I haven't been weighed in several years.

I am asking you to support HB 5277 because I have a right to better and more equitable treatment. Thank you very much.